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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMCONSUL MADRAS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, UR, US

SUBJECT: SOVIET RADIO ATTACKS ON US ACTIVITIES IN INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 1685

1. THERE IS NO UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIETS THAT WE WILL DESIST FROM CRITICISM OF EACH OTHER'S ACTIVITIES IN THIRD COUNTRIES, BUT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR CALLING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI IN LOW-KEY MANNER THE PROPAGANDA ATTACKS CITED REFTEL. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS TAKE POSITION THAT RADIO PEACE AND PROGRESS REPRESENTS SOVIET PEOPLE AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OFFICIAL VOICE OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT. DESPITE THIS DISINGENOUS DEFENSE, WE SEE NO HARM IN LETTING  
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SOVIETS KNOW THAT WE KEEP AN EYE ON SUCH SNIPING.

2. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT JANUARY FLURRY OF ATTACKS ON U.S. ACTIVITIES IN INDIA SIGNIFIES SHIFT TO MORE AGGRESSIVE LINE VIS-A-VIS U.S., MONITORS HERE STATE THAT PEACE AND PROGRESS CONTINUED SPORADIC NEEDLING OF U.S. THROUGHOUT PERIOD WHEN OFFICIAL LINE IN MOSCOW DESISTED. (BECAUSE OF OTHER PRIORITIES FBIS CANNOT PROVIDE EXHAUSTIVE COVERAGE OF RADIO PEACE AND PROGRESS AND OCCASIONAL UNREPORTED ITEMS MAY HAVE THUS ESCAPED YOUR NOTICE.)

OUTBREAK IS CONSISTENT WITH GENERAL INCREASE IN SOVIET PROPAGANDA EFFORT OVER LAST FEW MONTHS TO BALANCE OFF THEIR PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR DETENTE POLICIES WITH HEIGHTENED CRITICISM OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES.

3. EMBASSY ALSO AUTHORIZED RAISE INFORMALLY WITH GOI IF IT FEELS THIS WOULD BE USEFUL. RUSH

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